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1. SINCE MID-APRIL, A TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE OF LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT EMPLOYER AND LABOR UNION REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT GASTON THORN HAS MET TO ANALYZE THE NATIONS'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON MAINTAINING THE GRAD DUCHY'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF FULL EMPLOYMENT AS WELL AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPETITIVENESS OF ITS INDUSTRY. THE PARTICIPANTS NOTED THAT THE STRUCTURAL READJUSTMENT OF LUXEMBOURG'S STEEL INDUSTRY,
PARTICULARLY, REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENCOURAGE
JOB-GENERATING INVESTMENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
NEW INDUSTRIES.

2. THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

PRODUCED A SERIES OF MEASURES - KEYED TO UNEMPLOYMENT THRESHOLDS - GRANTING THE GOL ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE ECONOMIC AND LABOR FIELDS. PRINCIPAL MEASURES INCLUDE THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CREDIT AND INVESTMENT, AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE OF TAX CREDIT ON INCREMENTAL INVESTMENT, BANS (WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS) ON OVERTIME WORK, SALARIED EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED PERSONS WITH ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE INCOMES, AND FURTHER IMMIGRATION BY FOREIGN WORKERS (NON-EC), AND - ULTIMATELY - THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEGOTIATING LABOR CONTARCTS TO REDUCE PRODUCTION COSTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WITH COMPANIES IN DIFFICULTIES.

3. THE ACTION PLAN AUTHORITY TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER PARTLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION AND WILL EXPIRE ON DEC. 31, 1979, I.E. ABOUT SIX MONTHS AFTER THE NEXT NATIONAL ELECTION, OR EARLIER SHOULD ECONOMIC RECOVERY OCCUR PRIOR TO PRESENT EXPECTATIONS. (DETAILS WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA AIRGRAM.) LOWENSTEIN

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